

No Census form yet???

If you have not yet received your census form in the mail, it's not too late to be counted. According to a news release from the Census Bureau..... the Census Bureau does not deliver the forms to post office boxes, and it has instructed post offices to mail back the forms designated for those who receive mail that way instead of having it delivered to their street addresses. Forms are not delivered to post office boxes because of the difficulty linking those boxes to physical addresses.

Additionally, the Census Bureau does not deliver forms to those who have moved into houses that were built after census workers canvassed and built their address lists early last year.

If for some reason you did not get a census form, you can stop by Mt.Vernon City Hall Annex located at 520 Main Street and pick one up. The Census Bureau has set up a Questionnaire Assistance Center at City Hall. The QAC is open Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 11AM where a person can come in and pick up a form and a Census Worker is available to help fill out their form. If someone just wanted to pick up a form, they can do so from 8AM to 4PM Monday thru Friday until April 19th and see Sherry Willis, Complete Count Committee Chairman for The City of Mt.Vernon. Forms are also located at the Mt.Vernon License Branch.

If the Census Bureau does not receive completed forms by May 1st, the Census Bureau will visit the homes of those who have not filled one out. For every household that does not turn in their Census Form, it costs approximately \$80 for a Census Worker to go to those homes to fill one out.

For every person counted, this will bring in approximately \$1500 back into our community in tax dollars plus the information from being counted is beneficial in so many other ways that affects our community as a whole. The information is also used to attract new businesses to state and local areas, forecasting future transportation needs, planning for locations of health services, analyze local trends, planning future government services, distributing medical research, reappointing seats in the House of Representatives and much more.

It's In Our Hands.....BE Counted!